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Charles M. Schmeichel declares that he is the original and first inventor of the invention described in the above-identified Application; that he believes the original patent (U.S. Patent No. 5,906,407) is wholly or partly inoperative or invalid because the claims initially filed with the underlying application, and subsequently issuing as a part of U.S. Patent No. 5,906,407 were so narrowly drawn as to inadequately define and protect his invention; so much so that new claims are necessary to adequately claim the full scope of his invention and to provide him the full scope of patent protection allowed under U.S. Patent Laws; that all statements made herein of his own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both, under Section

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